The Office of

Great Compline

Priest: Blessed is our God, always, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Reader: Amen. Glory to Thee, O God, glory to Thee.

O heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth,
Who art everywhere present and fillest all things;
Treasury of blessings, and giver of Life;
Come and abide in us, and cleanse us from every impurity,
And save our souls, O Good One.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us! **(3x)**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us.
Lord, cleanse us from our sins.
Master, pardon our transgressions.
Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for Thy Name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. **(3x)**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, Who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy Name,
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Priest: For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,
now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Reader: Amen. Lord, have mercy. **(12x)**

Come, let us worship God our King!
Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ,
our King and our God!
Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself,
our King and our God!

Psalm 4:

Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!
You have given me relief when I was in distress.
Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!
O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame?
How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?
But know that the Lord has set apart the godly for himself;
the Lord hears when I call to him.
Be angry, and do not sin;
ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.
Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord.
There are many who say, "Who will show us some good?"
Lift up the light of your face upon us, O Lord!"
You have put more joy in my heart
than they have when their grain and wine abound.
In peace I will both lie down and sleep;
for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Psalm 6

O Lord, rebuke me not in your anger,
nor discipline me in your wrath.

Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am languishing;
heal me, O Lord, for my bones are troubled.
My soul also is greatly troubled.
But you, O Lord—how long?
Turn, O Lord, deliver my life;
save me for the sake of your steadfast love.
For in death there is no remembrance of you;
in Sheol who will give you praise?
I am weary with my moaning;
every night I flood my bed with tears;
I drench my couch with my weeping.
My eye wastes away because of grief;
it grows weak because of all my foes.
Depart from me, all you workers of evil,
for the Lord has heard the sound of my weeping.
The Lord has heard my plea;
the Lord accepts my prayer.
All my enemies shall be ashamed and greatly troubled;
they shall turn back and be put to shame in a moment.

Psalm 13

How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
How long must I take counsel in my soul
and have sorrow in my heart all the day?
How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?
Consider and answer me, O Lord my God;
light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,
lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him,"
lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.
But I have trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me.
Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory to Thee, O God! **(3X)**

Psalm 25

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust;
let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.
Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.
Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.
Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!
Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs
sinners in the way.
He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.
All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.
For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great.
Who is the man who fears the Lord?
Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose.
His soul shall abide in well-being, and his offspring

shall inherit the land.
The friendship[b] of the Lord is for those who fear him,
and he makes known to them his covenant.
My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for he will pluck
my feet out of the net.

Turn to me and be gracious to me,
for I am lonely and afflicted.
The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses.
Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.
Consider how many are my foes, and with what violent hatred
they hate me.
Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me!
Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.
May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you.
Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

Psalm 30

In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me!
Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily!
Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me!
For you are my rock and my fortress;
and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me;
you take me out of the net they have hidden for me,
for you are my refuge.
Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.
I hate those who pay regard to worthless idols,
but I trust in the Lord.
I will rejoice and be glad in your steadfast love,
because you have seen my affliction;
you have known the distress of my soul,
and you have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy;
you have set my feet in a broad place.
Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress;
my eye is wasted from grief;
my soul and my body also.
For my life is spent with sorrow,
and my years with sighing;
my strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones waste away.
Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach,
especially to my neighbors, and an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in
the street flee from me.
I have been forgotten like one who is dead;
I have become like a broken vessel.
For I hear the whispering of many— terror on every side!—
as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.
But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, "You are my God."
My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!
Make your face shine on your servant; save me in your steadfast love!
O Lord, let me not be put to shame, for I call upon you;
let the wicked be put to shame; let them go silently to Sheol.
Let the lying lips be mute, which speak insolently against the righteous in pride and
contempt.
Oh, how abundant is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you and
worked for those who take refuge in you,
in the sight of the children of mankind!
In the cover of your presence you hide them from the plots of men;
you store them in your shelter from the strife of tongues.
Blessed be the Lord, for he has wondrously shown his
steadfast love to me when I was in a besieged city.

I had said in my alarm, "I am cut off from your sight."
But you heard the voice of my pleas for mercy when
I cried to you for help.
Love the Lord, all you his saints! The Lord preserves the faithful
but abundantly repays the one who acts in pride.
Be strong, and let your heart take courage
all you who wait for the Lord!

Psalm 91

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."
For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence.
He will cover you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.
You will not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,
nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.
A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.
You will only look with your eyes
and see the recompense of the wicked.
Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place—
the Most High, who is my refuge —
no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.
For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.
On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.
You will tread on the lion and the adder;
the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.
"Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him;
I will protect him, because he knows my name.
When he calls to me, I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and honor him.
With long life I will satisfy him
and show him my salvation."

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to You, O God. ***(3x)***

Lord, have mercy. ***(3x)***

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Priest: God is with us! Understand, O nations, and submit yourselves,
for God is with us!

People: God is with us! Understand, O nations, and submit yourselves,
for God is with us!

Priest: Hear this, all you ends of the earth!

People: God is with us! *(repeated after each verse)*

Priest:

Submit yourselves, you mighty ones!
Even if your strength returns, you shall be overthrown once more.
If you take counsel together, the Lord will scatter you.
If you speak a word, it will never stand, even among yourselves.
We do not fear your threats, nor are we troubled. For the Lord our God is holy, and him will we fear.
If I trust in Him, He will be my sanctification. I will wait for Him;
He will save me.
Behold, I and the children God has given me.
The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.
Those who dwell in the land of the shadow of death,
on them has light shined.
For unto us a Child is born; unto us a Son is given.
And the government shall be upon His shoulder.
And of His peace, there shall be no end.
And His name shall be called the Angel of Great Counsel.
Wonderful, Counselor.
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
The Father of the world to come.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Priest: God is with us! Understand, O nations, and submit yourselves,
for God is with us!

People: God is with us! Understand, O nations, and submit yourselves,
for God is with us!

Now that the day is over, I glorify You O Master,
And I pray that I may pass the evening and the night without sin.
Grant this, O Savior, and save me.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
Now that the day is over, I glorify You, O Master,
And I pray that I may pass the evening and the night
without giving offense.
Grant this, O Savior, and save me.

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Now that the day is over, I praise You, O Holy One,
And I pray that I may pass the evening and the night
without temptation.
Grant this, O Savior, and save me.

The Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Only-begotten, begotten of the Father before all ages. Light of Light; True God of True God; begotten, not made; of one essence with the Father, by Whom all things were made;
Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man. And He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered, and was buried. And the third day He rose from the dead, according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead; Whose Kingdom shall have no end.

And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spoke by the prophets.

In one Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead; And the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Intercessions

Priest: All-holy Lady, Theotokos, pray for us sinners.

All heavenly hosts of angels and archangels, pray for us sinners.

O holy John, Prophet and Forerunner and Baptist of our Lord,
Jesus Christ, pray for us sinners.
O holy, glorious apostles, prophets and martyrs, and all you saints, pray for us sinners.

O our holy God-bearing fathers, pastors, and teachers of the universe, pray for us sinners.

O holy Father Nicholas, our heavenly patron, pray for us sinners.

O saints of North America, holy hierarchs, ven'rable monastics, righteous priests, and glorious martyrs, pray for us sinners.

O invincible, unconquerable, divine power of the precious and life-giving cross,
forsake not us sinners.

O God, cleanse us sinners. O God, cleanse us sinners.

O God, cleanse us sinners, and have mercy on us.

Troparion:

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Lighten my eyes, O Christ God,
That I sleep not unto death,
Lest my enemy say:
"I have prevailed against him."

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Be the Defender of my soul, O God.
For I walk amid a multitude of snares.
Deliver me from them and save me, O Good One:
For You love mankind.

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Since we have no boldness because of our many iniquities,
O Virgin Theotokos, fervently entreat Him Who was born of you.
For the prayer of a mother avails much unto the goodness of the Master. Do no despise the petitions of us sinners, O all-pure one,
For He is gracious and mighty to save, for He willed to suffer for our sakes.

Let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mercy.

Prayer of Basil the Great:

O Lord, O Lord, Who has delivered us from every arrow that flies by day, deliver us from everything that walks in darkness. Receive as an evening sacrifice the lifting up of our hands. Grant also that we may pass through the course of the night without blemish, untempted by evil. And deliver us from every anxiety and fear that come to us from the devil. Grant to our souls compunction, and make our thoughts attentive to the

coming trial at Your awesome and righteous judgment. Nail down our flesh in Your fear, and subjugate our earthly members, that in the silence of sleep we may be enlightened by the vision of Thy judgments.

Take from us every unseemly dream and pernicious desire of the flesh. Raise us up at the appointed time of prayer, strengthened in faith and advancing in Your commandments; through the kindness and goodness of Your Only-begotten Son, with Whom You are blessed, together with Your most-holy, good and life creating Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Psalm 143:

Hear my prayer, O Lord, Give ear to my supplications! In Your
faithfulness answer me, And in Your righteousness. Do not enter into judgment with Your servant, For in Your sight no one living is righteous. For the enemy has persecuted my soul; He has crushed my life to the ground; He has made me dwell in darkness, Like those who have long been dead. Therefore my spirit is overwhelmed within me; My heart within me is distressed. I remember the days of old; I meditate on all Your works; I muse on the work of Your hands. I spread out my hands to You; My soul longs for You like a thirsty land.
Answer me speedily, O Lord; My spirit fails!
Do not hide Your face from me, Lest I be like those who go down into the pit. Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morning, For in You do I trust; Cause me to know the way in which I should walk, For I lift up my soul to You. Deliver me, O Lord, from my enemies; In You I take shelter.
Teach me to do Your will, For You are my God; Your Spirit is good. Lead me in the land of uprightness. Revive me, O Lord, for Your name's sake!
For Your righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble. In Your mercy cut off my enemies, And destroy all those who afflict my soul;
For I am Your servant.
In Your faithfulness answer me, and in Your righteousness. Do not enter into judgment with Your servant. In Your faithfulness answer me, and in Your righteousness. Do not enter into judgment with Your servant. Let Your good Spirit lead me on a level path.

The Lesser Doxology

Priest: Glory to Thee, Who has shown us the Light!

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men!
We praise You! We bless You! We worship You!
We glorify You and give thanks to You for Your great glory!
O Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father Almighty!
O Lord, the Only-Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit!
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, Who take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us!
You, Who take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer!
You, Who sit on the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us!
For You alone are holy, and You alone are Lord. You alone, O Lord Jesus Christ, are most high in the glory of God the Father! Amen!
I will give thanks to You every day and praise Your Name forever and ever. Lord, You have been our refuge from generation to generation! I said, "Lord, have mercy on me. Heal my Soul, for I have sinned against You!" Lord, I flee to You. Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God. For with You is the fountain of Life, and In Your light shall we see light.
Continue Your lovingkindness to those who know You.
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your Name for ever. Amen.

Let Your mercy be upon us, O Lord, even as we have set our hope on You.

Blessed are You, O Lord; teach me Your statutes.

Blessed are You, O Master; make me to understand Your commandments.
Blessed are You, O Holy One; enlighten me with Your precepts.

Your mercy endures forever, O Lord! Do not despise the works of Your hands!

To You belongs worship, to You belongs praise, to You belongs glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal Have mercy on us. (3x)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O most holy Trinity, have mercy on us. O Lord, cleanse us from our sins. O Master, pardon our transgressions. O Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for Thy Name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Priest: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,
now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

The Praises

People: Remain with us, O Lord of Hosts. In affliction we have no other helper but you. O Lord of Hosts, have mercy on us.

Verses:
Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty firmament!

Praise Him for His mighty deeds; praise Him according to His exceeding greatness.

Praise Him with trumpet sound; praise Him with lute and harp!

Praise Him with timbrel and dance; praise Him with strings and pipe!

Praise Him with sounding cymbals; praise Him with loud clashing cymbals.

Praise God in His Sanctuary, praise Him in His mighty firmament.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

O Lord, if we did not have Thy saints as intercessors
And Thy merciful loving-kindness;
How could we dare to praise Thee, O Savior,
Whom angels glorify ceaselessly;
O Seer of hearts, have pity on our souls.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Great is the multitude of my transgressions, O Theotokos.
I run to you, O pure One, seeking salvation.
Visit my ailing soul,
And entreat your Son and our God,

To grant me remission of the awful things I have done,
O Only Blessed One.
Do not forsake me throughout all the days of my life,
O all-holy Theotokos.
Do not turn me over to the protection of men,
But help me and have mercy on me.

All my hope have I placed in you, O Holy Theotokos.
Protect me beneath your veil.

Reader: Lord, have mercy. **(12x)**

Prayer of the Hours

In every season and at every hour, in heaven and on earth, You are worshiped and glorified, O Christ God, long-suffering, great in mercy and compassion. You love the righteous and show mercy on sinners. You call everyone to salvation through the promise of blessings to come. Do You, Yourself, O Lord, accept also our prayer at this hour and direct our lives according to Your commandments. Sanctify our souls, purify our bodies, correct our thoughts, cleanse our mind, and deliver us from all affliction, evil, and distress. Surround us with Your holy angels, that guarded and guided by them we may attain to the unity of the faith, and to the knowledge of your unapproachable glory; for You are blessed unto ages of ages. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. **(3x)**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

More honorable than the Cherubim and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim, without corruption,
Thou gavest birth to God the Word.
True Theotokos, we magnify Thee.

Priest: O God, be gracious to us and bless us, and shine the light of Thy countenance upon us, and have mercy on us. Amen.

Prayer of St. Ephrem

Priest: O Lord and Master of my life! Take from me the spirit of sloth, despair, lust of power, and idle talk. (prostration)

But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience and love to Thy servant. (prostration)

Yea, O Lord and King! Grant me to see my own transgressions, and not to judge my brother, for blessed art Thou, unto ages of ages.

O God, cleanse me, a sinner. **(12x)**

The entire prayer of St. Ephrem is read and a single prostration is made.

The Prayer of Supplication

Priest: Grant unto us, O Master, as we lay down to sleep, rest of both soul and body, and preserve us from the gloomy slumber of sin and from every dark and nocturnal passion. Calm the impulses carnal desire, and quench the fiery darts of the Evil One, which are craftily directed against us. Still our every earthly and material desire, and grant unto us, O God, a watchful mind, chaste reason, a sober heart, and gentle sleep, free from every vision of the Devil. Raise us up again at the hour of prayer, strengthened in Your precepts, and holding steadfastly to Your commandments. Grant that all night long we may sing praises unto You, and may sing, bless, and glorify Your all-honorable and majestic Name:

of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,
now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Reader: Amen.
Priest: O exceedingly glorious, ever-Virgin Theotokos, carry our prayers unto your Son and our God, and implore Him that, through you, He will save our souls.

Priest: The Father is my Hope; the Son is my Refuge; the Holy Spirit is my Protector, O Holy Trinity, Glory to Thee.

(kneeling)

O Master, great in mercy, Lord Jesus Christ our God; Make our prayer acceptable. Grant unto us remission of our iniquities. Hide us under the shadow of Your wings. Drive far from us every foe and adversary. Give peace to our life. Have mercy upon us and upon Your world, O Lord, and save our souls, forasmuch as You are merciful and love mankind.

The priest makes a single prostration to the congregation, saying the following:

Pray for me, Brothers and Sisters. Forgive me, a sinner.

People: May God forgive you, Father _____, and forgive us, also.
For He is a forgiving God.

Priest: Let us pray for His Beatitude, our Metropolitan _____;
for His (Eminence) Grace, our (Arch)Bishop _____;
for the whole episcopate of the Orthodox Church in America;
for the honorable priesthood, those in monastic orders,
the diaconate in Christ, and for all the clergy and the people.

People: Lord, have mercy. *(after each petition)*

Priest: For the President of our country, for all civil authorities, and for the armed forces everywhere:

For those who hate us and those who love us:

For those who are kind to us and those who serve us:

For those who have asked us to pray for them, unworthy though we may be:
For the release of prisoners:

For those who are absent for worthy cause:

For those who are traveling by land, by sea or in the air:

For those to lie in sickness:

For the abundance of the fruits of the earth and for favorable weather:

For those who are persecuted for the Faith:

For every Orthodox Christian soul:

For the Orthodox Bishops and for the Founders and Benefactors of our Seminaries, Monasteries, and Chapels of Prayer of our Holy Orthodox Church, and for the staff, teachers, servers, and the confessors who labor in them:

For the Founders and Benefactors of this holy House, and for those who labor, serve, and sing herein:

For our parents and brethren and for all Orthodox believers departed this life before us, who here, and in all the world lie asleep in the Lord:

Let us also say for ourselves:

People: Lord, have mercy. **(3x)**

Priest: Through the prayers of our holy fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Sermon reading for this evening:

Genesis 17:1-9 (ESV)

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God."

And God said to Abraham, "As for you, you shall keep my covenant, you and your offspring after you throughout their generations.

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